Claims

1. (Original). A method for treating or preventing hot flashes in a patient in need thereof comprising administering a therapeutically effective dose of a compound selected from reboxetine or S,S-reboxetine, a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, a derivative thereof, or a prodrug thereof to the patient.

2. (Original). A method of claim 1, wherein the patient is female.

3. (Currently amended). A method according to claim 2, wherein the hot flashes are menopause or postmenopause ~~symptoms~~ symptoms.

4. (Original). A method according to claim 2, wherein the hot flashes are due to medical treatment.

5. (Original). A method according to claim 2, wherein the hot flashes are caused by radiation therapy.

6. (Original). A method according to claim 2, wherein the hot flashes are drug-induced.

7. (Original). A method according to claim 2, wherein the patient is receiving anti-estrogen therapy.

8. (Original). A method according to claim 2, wherein the patient is suffering from or has suffered from cancer.

9. (Original). A method according to claim 5, wherein the cancer is breast cancer.

10. (Original). A method according to claim 1, wherein the patient is male.

11. (Original). A method according to claim 10, wherein the hot flashes are caused by radiation therapy.

12. (Original). A method according to claim 10, wherein the hot flashes are drug-induced.

13. (Original). A method according to claim 10, wherein the patient has androgen deprivation.

14. (Original). A method according to claim 10, wherein the patient is suffering from or has suffered from cancer.

15. (Original). A method according to claim 14, wherein the cancer is prostate cancer or testicular cancer.

16. (Original). The method according to claim 1, wherein the reboxetine dose range is 4 to 10 mg per patient per day.

17. (Original). The method according to claim 1, wherein the reboxetine dose range is 6 to 8 mg per patient per day.

18. (Original). The method according to claim 1, wherein the compound is administered in the form of a pharmaceutical composition additionally comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.

19-22. (Canceled).